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1. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM BELGIAN DELEGATION THAT CON-
GRESSMAN CHRISTOPHER DODD HAS WRITTEN TO THE MILITARY
ATTACHES OF NATO COUNTRIES IN WASHINGTON, REQUESTING
ALLIED VIEWS ON THE "NEUTRON BOMB" FOR USE IN CONGRESS-
IONAL REVIEW OF FUNDING LEGISLATION AND FOR SUBMISSION
INTO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. CONGRESSMAN DODD'S LETTER
CONTAINS A LIST OF QUESTIONS, WHICH INCLUDE, INTER ALIA,
ALLIED GOVERNMENTS' ATTITUDES TOWARD PRODUCTION AND DE-
PLOYMENT OF ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPONS, THE EXTENT TO
WHICH THE US HAS CONSULTED ALLIES, EFFECTS ON THE NUCLEAR

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THRESHHOLD, AND IMPLICATIONS FOR NATO STRATEGY, SUPPORT
FOR CONVENTIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND FOR NEGOTIATIONS LIKE
MBFR.

2. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW BELGIUM OR OTHER ALLIES MIGHT
CHOOSE TO RESPOND TO CONGRESSMAN DODD'S LETTER. THE
BELGIAN DELEGATION, HOWEVER, INDICATED TO US THAT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE US, BEYOND THE ARMS CONTROL IMPACT STATEMENT WE HAVE ALREADY CIRCULATED TO PERMREPS, COULD BE HELPFUL TO THE ALLIES IN PREPARING POSSIBLE RESPONSES. MOREOVER, SUCH INFORMATION, ALONG LINES WE HAVE RECOMMENDED IN REFS A AND B, COULD HELP IN LEADING TOWARD POSITIVE AND UNIFORM REACTIONS.

3. WE INFORMED BELGIAN DELEGATION THAT WE WOULD MAKE ANY APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THEM THAT WE RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON, AND ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL QUERY WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL US GOVERNMENT REQUEST AND THAT IT WOULD BE UP TO THE ALLIES CONCERNED TO DECIDE HOW TO RESPOND. GLITMAN

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